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REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-13 and 15-16. The Examiner has allowed Claims 14 and 17. New Claim 24, which is identical to unentered Claim 22 presented in the Amendment After Final of May 14, 2004, is dependent on allowed Claim 14. Claim 24 does not include new matter and does not require a new search. Applicants request entry and allowance of new dependent Claim 24.

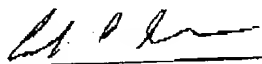
CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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